**Environmentally Friendly Landscapes** 

for Healthy Watersheds







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### Introductions

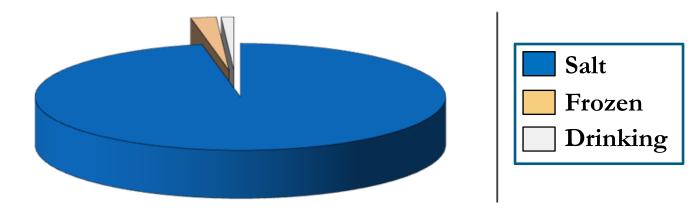
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## Today's Agenda

- Watershed 101
- What are Green Streets?
- Why Green Streets?
- Green Street Locations
- Green Streets Practices
- Your Green Streets Project!

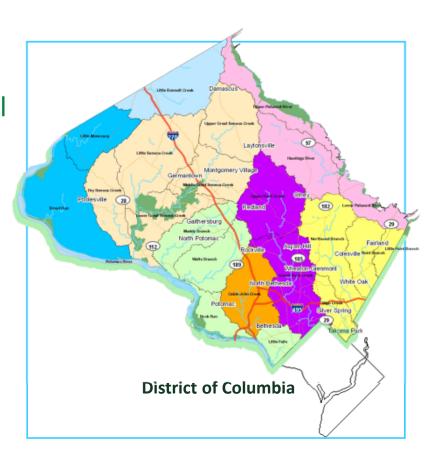


Sources of Water



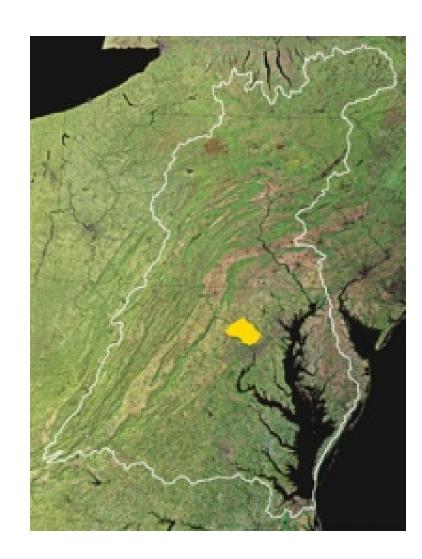
- About 97% is salt water
- About 2% is frozen
- Only 1% is available for drinking water
  - Across the Country, about 57% comes from groundwater sources
  - In Maryland, 74% is from surface water sources
- Potential for greater impacts from runoff in Maryland

- Montgomery County, MD
  - 507 sq. miles
  - About 12% impervious surface overall
    - About the size of Washington DC
  - Over 1,500 miles of streams
  - Two major river basins:
    - Potomac
    - Patuxent
    - Eight local *watersheds*



Impervious: Not allowing water to soak through the ground.

- What is a Watershed?
  - A watershed is an area from which the water above and below ground drains to the same place.
  - Different scales of watersheds:
    - Chesapeake Bay
    - Eight local watersheds
    - Neighborhood (to a storm drain)



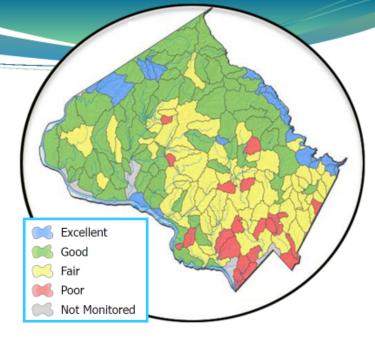
#### What is Runoff?

- Water that does not soak into the ground becomes surface runoff. This runoff flows over hard surfaces like rooftops, driveways and parking lots collecting potential contaminants and flows:
  - Directly into streams
  - Into storm drain pipes, eventually leading to streams
  - Into stormwater management facilities, then streams

Two Major Issues:
Volume/Timing of Runoff
Water Quality



- What is the County doing to protect our Streams?
- Must meet regulatory requirements
  - Federal Clean Water Act permit program
  - MS4 = Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System
- County Programs
  - Restore our streams and watersheds
  - Meet water quality protection goals
  - Educate and engage all stakeholders
  - Focus on watersheds showing greatest impacts

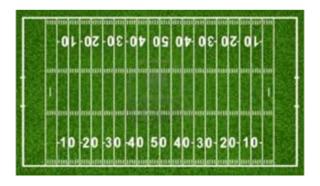


# What is the County Doing to Protect our Streams?

■ DEP is adding stormwater management for 20 % of impervious surfaces

(4,292 acres = 6.7 square miles)... About three times the size of Takoma Park.

That's equivalent to 3,307 football fields!



## What are Green Streets?

- Small scale stormwater practices located within street right of way areas.
- Approx. 1/3 of impervious surfaces in our County are roadways.



**BIOSWALE** 



RAIN GARDEN/ BIORETENTION (NEWLY PLANTED)



TREE BOX



PERVIOUS
PARKING &
WALKING PATHS

## Why Green Streets?

- Replenish groundwater and improve flow in local streams
- Water can soak into the ground while plants and soils filter pollutants



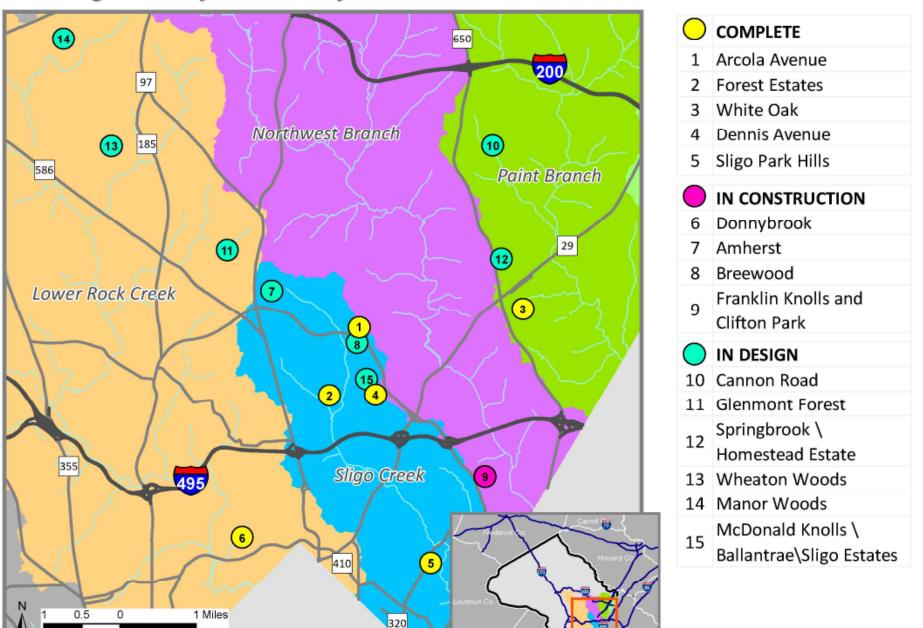
Create aesthetically attractive streetscapes



Provide natural habitat



#### Montgomery County Green Streets (March 2015)

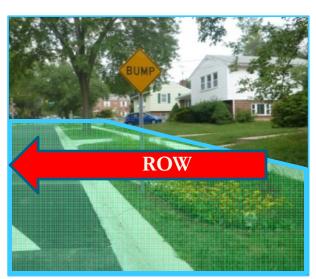


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### Where will Green Streets be?

Selected areas within the County Right-of-Way (ROW)





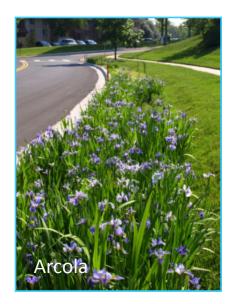
With Sidewalk



Without Sidewalk

## **Green Streets Practices**

Bioswale

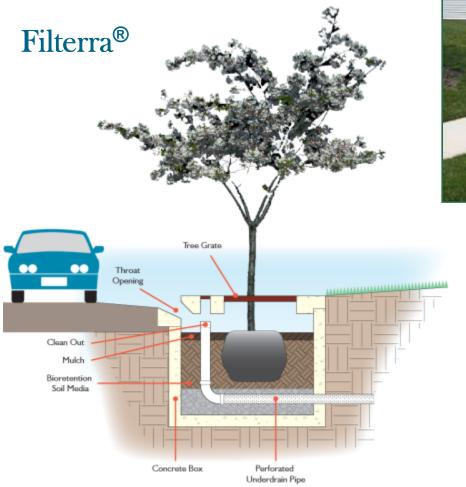






Green Streets Practices

Tree Box Filter

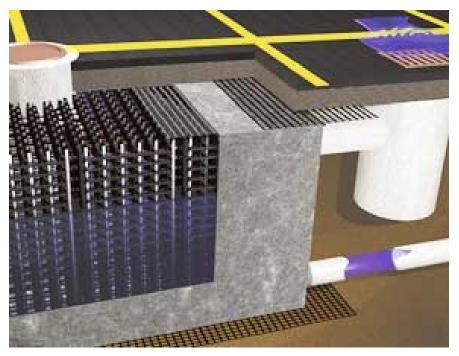






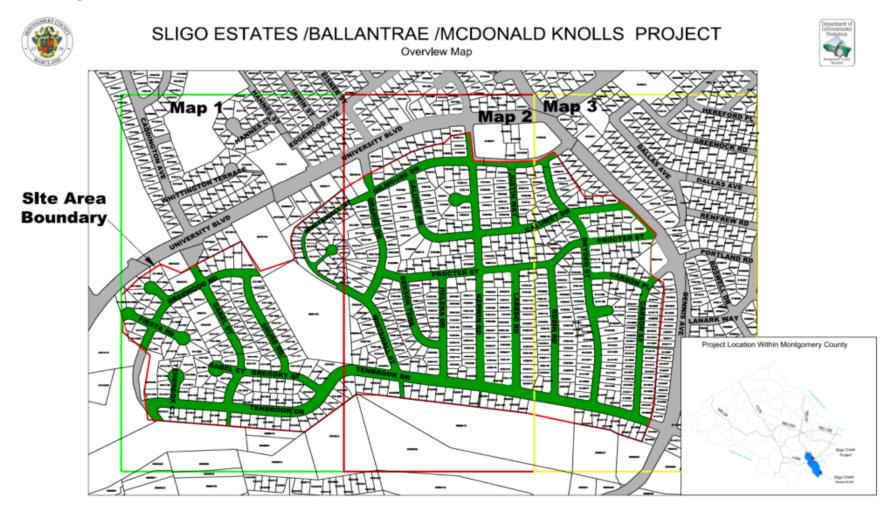
### **Green Streets Practices**

- Small Scale Underground Stormwater Practices
  - Infiltration structure in curb inlet
  - ■Rainstore ® Infiltration



Source: <a href="http://invisablestructures.com/rainstore3.html">http://invisablestructures.com/rainstore3.html</a>

#### **Project Location**



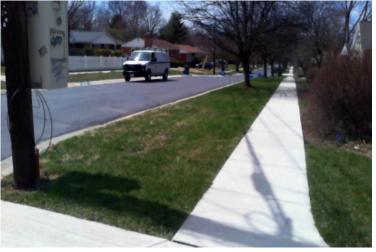
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#### Neighborhood Background

- Developed in 1950s
- Single family residences
- No stormwater treatment
- Stormwater drains to Sligo Creek







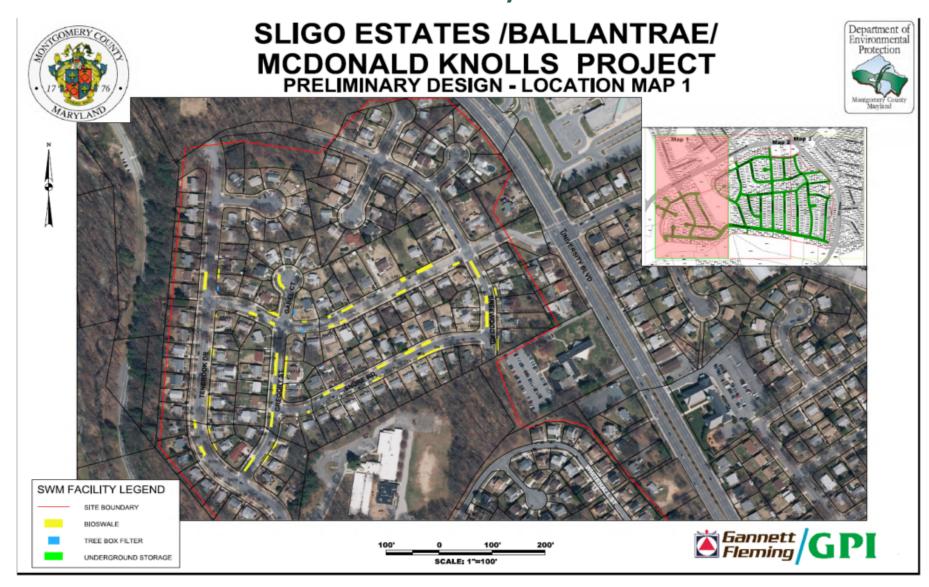
#### **Constraints & Proposed Practices**

## Constraints that we Consider:

- Driveways
- Trees
- Utilities
- Parking demand
- Slope
- Soils

#### **Proposed Practices:**

- 132 total practices proposed within the right of way
- 41% total impervious area treated





#### SLIGO ESTATES /BALLANTRAE/ MCDONALD KNOLLS PROJECT

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**PRELIMINARY DESIGN - LOCATION MAP 2** 











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**PRELIMINARY DESIGN - LOCATION MAP 3** 









#### Public Events and Project Schedule (Tentative)

We are here

Event	Date / Time	Location
Preliminary Site Assessment	February 18, 2014	
Public Meeting	November 18, 2015	Forest Knolls Elementary School
Draft Designs	Spring 2016	
Community Walk	Summer 2016	Neighborhood
Final Designs	Winter 2016	
Construction Duration	~5 days/ practice	Entire Project

## Community Involvement

- Public Meeting
- Community Walk
- Other meetings, as needed



### Maintenance

• MCDEP will visit monthly (on average)

- We will:
  - Water plants, if needed
  - Replace plants as needed
  - Replenish mulch
  - Remove weeds
  - Remove sediment & trash



## Questions?

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